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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The instant application was allowed June 17, 2004. However, the Reasons for Allowance are not commensurate with the scope of the claims.

For example, and without limitation, the reasons for allowance appear to be directed toward claims 1 and 11, but not claims 7 and 10. Moreover, there is no requirement that anything be located "directly" on a stem.

Please let me know if you should have any questions.

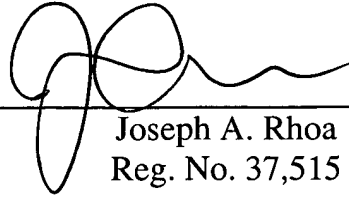
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Respectfully submitted,

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